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3. Soviet Public Told of President's Speech - On November 4, Moscow Radio gave summaries of the President's speech, which were widely circulated, of the President's speech. The summaries emphasized, however, that the information concerning the dismantling of the missile bases was obtained through aerial photographs taken by aircraft flying over Cuba's coast. Emphasized was the President's statement that the United States is a reliable international organization to take over incoming base-bound cargoes. (This is believed to be the first reference in Soviet domestic propaganda to a potential role for the Red Cross in Cuba.)

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3. Soviet Public Told of President's November 2 Speech - On November 2 both Moscow Radio and Tass gave factual summaries, which were widely circulated, of the President's November 2 speech. The summaries remarked however, that the information concerning the dismantling of the missile bases was continuing through aerial photography taken by aircraft violated Cuba's air space. Emphasized was the President's statement that the Red Cross must be suitable international organization to take over inspectors of Cuba-bound cargoes. (This is believed to be the first reference in Soviet domestic propaganda to a potential role for the Red Cross in Cuba.)

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5. Pravda Article by Gomulka Refers to Cuba - Principal reported coverage of the Cuban situation in Pravda for November 5 was that contained in a long article by Wladyslaw Gomulka on the 45th anniversary of the October Revolution. Gomulka wrote that in "these days of tension" the world sees that "war is characteristic of the image of imperialism" but "the image of socialism is the image of peace."

6. Jamming - During nearly all VOA news programs beamed at the Soviet Union on November 5 jamming was lighter than it had been last week with such items as US insistence on on-the-site inspection allowed to go through. Considerably more sensitivity was shown toward VOA news concerning Sino-Indian clashes.

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